

**MEXICAN ORCHID ASSOCIATION (AMO) DONATES  
OPTICAL MICROSCOPE TO INKATERRA**

Mexican botanist Eric Hágsater, director of AMO's herbarium at Chinoín Institute and world authority on *Epidendrum* orchids, has donated an optical microscope to Inkaterra's research collaborator and AMO associate, Benjamín Collantes.

The Wild Heerbrugg optical microscope uses Leica lenses, which allows x50 zooming. Halogen cold light is sourced by the base and two swan-neck lanterns, which help studying the subject with great precision. A drawing tube can be attached to the microscope, to mirror the subject on paper and ease scientific illustration.

The device is a significant contribution: it will facilitate scientific research and drawings of the 372 native orchids inventoried to this date in the grounds of Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, as well as future findings.

